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STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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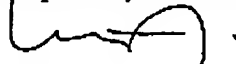
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary dated October 6, 2006, concerning a telephonic interview supposedly had between the examiner and the undersigned on September 29, 2006, Applicants submit this statement of the substance of that interview in accordance with MPEP 713.04.

The only interview had between the undersigned and the examiner occurred on September 27, 2006, regarding which was issued an Interview Summary dated September 29, 2006. On October 10, 2006, Applicants filed a statement on the substance of that interview.

As mentioned in Applicants' statement on the substance of the September 27 interview, Applicants were then first advised by the examiner that all pending claims were rejected over the prior art, and no agreement was reached between the examiner and Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,



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